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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

By David W. Edwards

As the new year begins, we thank Debra Gammons for the outstanding service to our Bar Association as President in 2007. Under her leadership, our membership grew to over 1000 members. We became more aware of opportunities that might otherwise have escaped our attention, programs and services offered to our members increased and a highly successful CLE program was well attended.

Additional thanks go to all members of the Executive Committee for 2007. Excellent programs, an informative and service oriented law week, including a fundraising golf tournament and 5k road race, wills clinic and blood drive, outstanding socials, and updated picture of our membership –all contributed to a good year for the Greenville County Bar Association.

It is an honor to be elected to serve as your President for 2008. We plan a great year, with a “year-end catch-up” CLE in February, a reception for our judges in March, an outstanding law week celebration in late April/early May and much, much more in the summer and fall (more details next month).

I encourage each of you to get involved!! Call me, any member of the Executive Committee or Melinda Davidson, our Executive Secretary. On the other hand, we may call you to get involved in Bar activities or functions. If we call, we hope you will answer.

It has been my pleasure to have been a member of the Greenville County Bar Association for, well, it almost seems like forever. Having been an “attending member” for most of those years, only in the last ten years have I really become an active member. My good friend, Frank Gibbes, called on me during his year as President to serve as Chair of the Social Committee –a position I held through several administrations, eventually being unofficially designated by Jeff Merriam as “Social Chairman for Life”. Seriously, the collegiality we share as members of the Greenville County Bar Association is unique among the various associations in our state. We know each other outside the office and courtroom and away from the adversarial positions that are commonplace in our profession. We can have fun together

Your Executive Committee for 2008 is composed of the following officers and committee chairs:

- President—Dave Edward
- Vice President/President Elect—Jim Warren
- Secretary—Chris Gantt-Sorenson
- Treasurer—Jack Griffeth

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 8:
CLE at Carolina First Center

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Memorial Service Committee—Jack Griffeth
Nominating Committee/Tommy Thomason Award—Debra Gammons
Young Lawyers Representative—Eric Tonnsen

**The next Family Court Liaison Meeting
will be January 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
in the Conference Room
in the Judge's Hallway**

MOCK TRIAL JUDGES NEEDED

Furman University will host the South Atlantic Regional Mock Trial Tournament, Friday-Saturday, February 1-2, 2008. The tournament is sanctioned by the American Mock Trial Association, which sponsors competitions for undergraduate students throughout the nation. Nearly 350 students (including those from South Carolina- Columbia, South Carolina- Upstate, Bob Jones, Furman, College of Charleston, and the Citadel) will vie for bids to the national championship and national consolation tournaments. The 2008 tournament will be staged on Furman's campus as well as in the county, municipal and federal courthouses in downtown Greenville. The courthouse venues add a "real-life" dimension to the trials and better prepare students for post-regional competition. This year's case, *State of Midlands v Bobbi Campbell*, takes a novel form; it is the sentencing phase of a criminal proceeding. Campbell has pled guilty to Assault in the Second Degree for stabbing Dawn Francis, a social worker, with an HIV-infected needle when Francis attempted to remove Campbell's small child from the home. The sentencing range is 5-30 years.

Professor Glen Halva-Neubauer of Furman University is the tournament host. To run the tournament successfully, 288 judge slots must be filled (that's not a typo!). Halva-Neubauer, therefore, seeks the assistance of all South Carolina Bar members to serve as judges for this event.

The tournament is divided into four trials: Friday, the 1st from 12:30-4:30 PM, Friday, the 1st from 5:30-9:30 PM; Saturday, the 2nd from 8:00 AM-NOON: and Saturday, the 2nd, from 1:00-5:00 PM. Dinner will be provided on Friday evening, and lunch will be served on Saturday noon.

This tournament is being presented by the South Carolina Bar Foundation.

To register as a judge, please visit the tournament website at <http://ps.furman.edu/engaged/mocktrial/index-2008RegionalSite.htm>. If you have questions, contact Dr. Halva-Neubauer at (864) 294-3608 or via e-mail at Glen.Halva-Neubauer@furman.edu

"Year-end" CLE

February 8, 2008

8:30 am until 4:30 pm

at Carolina First (formerly Palmetto Expo) Center

6.0 credit hours including 2 Ethics credit hours

Cost is \$60 for members before 1/31/2008

\$85 for non-members and registration after 1/31/2008

...includes continental breakfast and lunch

Make reservations to Melinda at gbarnews@charter.net or 297-1599

AGENDA

- 8:30 Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:50 Welcome/Opening Remarks**
Dave Edwards, President Greenville County Bar
- 9:00 Session One: The Golden Parachute—Safety Net for Litigants and Judges— Due Process and How it can soothe and save us all.**
Adam Fisher, Jr., Esquire
- 10:00 Session Two: projected Family Court Tips**
Judge Tim Brown
- 11:00 Session Three: Anticipated Topic: Baseball, Shoeless Joe Jackson and Ethics**
The Honorable Jean H. Toal, Chief Justice, S.C. Supreme Court
- 12:00 Set-up for Lunch**
- 12:10 Session Four: How to Give a Better Speaking Presentation of Your Court Position**
Panel Discussion with Jane Robelot and Judge Aphrodite Konduros
- 1:10 Session Five: Legal Tall Tales, How to Win You Case with Humor Contest. Best Courtroom Humor, that helps win you case.**
Contest Judges— Judge Aphrodite Konduros, David Edwards, and Jane Robelot
Contest Participants—To be announced
- 2:00 Session Six: Ethics and Succession Plans**
Richard Wallace, Jr., Esquire
- 3:10 Session Seven—How to Collect on a Judgment and Fraudulent Conveyances**
Clifford Gaddy, Esquire
- 4:00 Session Eight— Probate Court Tips and How to Avoid Death Penalties**
Probate Judge Deborah D. Faulkner
- 4:20 Closing Remarks**

Announcements

Robert M. Sneed announces the opening of **Rob Sneed Law Firms, LLC**, 1201 East Washington Street, Greenville, SC 29601. (864)235-3077.

Harvey G. Sanders, Jr. of Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C., will be profiled in the 2007 – 2008 edition of *Who's Who in American Law*. Mr. Sanders' areas of legal practice include corporate law, corporate litigation, business litigation, and complex multi-district litigation.

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** announced the appointment of **Jennifer E. Johnsen** as a member of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC). The FDCC is an international organization composed of leaders in the legal community, and the Federation's membership includes highly accomplished attorneys in private practice, corporate general counsel and risk management executives.

James H. "Chip" Price, III, was recently admitted to the National College for DUI Defense. Mr. Price's investigator, Mr. Johnny "Jody" Black, has successfully completed the NHTSA/IACP Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor Certification Course. Mr. Black previously completed a twenty-four hour instruction program and received a certificate of competency by National Patent Analytical Systems, Inc., manufacturer of the breath testing device used in South Carolina. The certificate was for expertise in connection with the BAC Data Master and basic science of evidential breath alcohol testing.

The law firm of **Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.** announced the election of **C. William (Billy) McGee** as Managing Shareholder. McGee has been a shareholder with Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. since 2000 and has been employed with the firm since 1992. While serving as the Managing Shareholder of the firm, McGee will continue to practice in the areas of products liability, drug and medical device litigation, and mass tort litigation.

David M. Yokel is pleased to announce the opening of his new office, **David M. Yokel, LLC**, 1 Whitsett Street, Greenville, SC. He may be contacted at P.O. Box 10453, FS, Greenville, SC 29603; 864-240-2066; fax 864-235-3225.

Nexsen Pruet announced that **Brian T. Price** has been named a Member (partner) in the firm's Greenville office. Price practices in the corporate and commercial finance groups. His experience includes corporate law, startups, and banking and finance. He earned his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University and a joint law degree / M.B.A. from the University of South Carolina.

Mary Alice H. Godfrey and E.P. "Bill" Godfrey announce that **Elizabeth Ann Dyal** has become an associate of **Godfrey**

Law Firm LLC located at 10 East Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina.

Susan Cobb Singleton announces the relocation of her elder law practice, **Singleton Law Firm**, to 111 School Street, Greer, South Carolina 29651. The new phone number is (864)848-9791. The new fax number is (864)848-9711.

John I. Mauldin, Public Defender for Greenville County, announces the appointment of **Michael S. Cullinan, Brian P. Johnson, and Amanda H. Lackland** as Assistant Public Defenders with offices located at the Greenville County Courthouse, Greenville, South Carolina 29601. (864) 467-8522."

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Verdicts

Caption: Patrick S. Victory vs. SCDOT
Case No. 2003-CP-23-3137
Attorney for Plaintiff: Pat Paschal
Attorney for Defendant: Max Hyde
Cause of Action: Money Demand
Verdict for the Plaintiff: \$497,000 actual damages

Caption: Anthony V. Caggiano MD vs. Greenville Hospital System d/b/a Medical Assoc. of GHS
Case No. 2006-CP-23-1483R
Attorney for Plaintiff: Reese Williams & Nikki Shutt
Attorney for Defendant: Sam Mabry & Josh Howard
Cause of Action: Employment
Verdict for the Plaintiff: \$3,000,000 actual damages

Caption: Gene Richard Hughes vs. Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority
Case No. 2006-CP-23-1756
Attorney for Plaintiff: Manning Culbertson
Attorney for Defendant: Lindsay Terrell
Cause of Action: Wreck
Verdict for the Plaintiff: \$225,000 actual damages

Caption: Dianne S. Riley vs. Mary Elizabeth Miller
Case No. 2006-CP-23-7562
Attorney for Plaintiff: Bart Fordham
Attorney for Defendant: David Thomas
Cause of Action: Debt Collection
Verdict for the Plaintiff: \$1,000 actual damages

Verdicts provided by the office of
 Paul Wickensimer, Clerk of Court

Want to make sure your verdict appears here?
 Send info to gbarnews@charter.net or fax to 297-1599

AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE Made by Some Friends of Preston Reid

The Premise: Detected early, colon cancer is almost always curable. Detected late, it is not. Earlier this year that point was made personally to many of us when we lost our friend and colleague Preston Reid. In all likelihood Preston would still be with us if he had gotten a colonoscopy. As a tribute to Preston, and in hopes of encouraging members of the Greenville County Bar to get colonoscopies when they should, some friends of Preston are making members of the Greenville Bar an offer that cannot be refused.

The Offer: The first twenty-five Greenville County lawyers who gets his or her first colonoscopy this year will receive a \$75 dinner certificate for dinner at one of Greenville's finest restaurants.

The Details: The dinner certificates have been delivered to the Greenville County Bar office. Email the Bar at GBArNews@charter.net and confirm you have gotten your first colonoscopy and the Executive Secretary will send you your certificate.

Job Opportunities

The Greenville office of **Turner, Padget, Graham & Laney P.A.**, South Carolina's 5th largest law firm, is seeking an Associate for our Torts and Insurance team. Ideal candidate will have 1-5 years experience in insurance defense and possess a strong litigation background, excellent academic credentials, and superior written and oral communication skills. Experience in a judicial clerkship is a plus. Please send cover letter and resume to: Turner Padget, Attn: Recruiter, PO Box 1473, Columbia, SC 29202. E-mail: Ldankmyer@turnerpadget.com, Fax: 803-400-1538.

Bradford Neal Martin & Associates, PA, in Greenville is seeking a full-time litigation associate with 3 - 5 years of experience. The firm has a diverse litigation practice including business litigation, construction litigation, employment law and commercial insurance defense. Strong courtroom

skills are required and applicants must have excellent academic credentials. Salary and benefits will be based on experience. All inquires will be kept confidential. Please send resume and cover letter to Bradford N. Martin at bmartin@bnmlaw.com.

The Greenville office of **Turner, Padget, Graham & Laney P.A.**, South Carolina's 5th largest law firm, is seeking an Associate for our Workers' Compensation team. Ideal candidate will have 1-5 years Workers' Compensation defense experience, strong litigation background, and possess excellent academic credentials, and superior written and oral communication skills. Please send cover letter and resume to: Turner Padget, Attn: Recruiter, PO Box 1473, Columbia, SC 29202. Fax: 803-400-1538, or email: Ldankmyer@turnerpadget.com.

Forensic Research Group, Inc. Opens Computer Forensics Lab

The company will offer computer forensic services commencing Nov 1, 2007.

Offered services include:

Evidence analysis:

Files (spreadsheets, text/MS Word documents)

Email

Graphics

Databases

Multimedia files

Windows Registry Examination

Locating remnants of deleted and temporary files

Decryption of Encrypted Files

Investigation of Intellectual Property Theft

Securing and storage of computer media

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Forensic Research Group (License # 2090) has appointed Frank Beal as Director of Computer Forensics. For further information please contact Forensic Research at 864-228-2222.



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Available Office Space

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE, 512 East North Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601. Across from Bi-Lo Center, \$600.00 per month, all utilities paid, copier and fax available, Attractive for sole practitioner and secretary. Call 233-6224 or 233-0663.

For rent- Office space in the historic Davenport Apartments, corner of Church and Washington Streets and across from the Federal Courthouse. This space is ideal for attorneys and is the only office space allowed within the Davenport. Convenient parking is available. Contact Bud Babb at 242-6360 to discuss your space needs, rate, to view the office space, etc.

Office space available for lease. 1306 South Church Street. Ideal for solos or small firms. Up to 5,000 square feet available and will subdivide. Plenty of parking with two baths and large break room. Only one mile from downtown and less than 1/2 mile from County Square. Call 271-8171 ext 206 for information.

WALK TO COURTHOUSE. 2 OFFICES FOR RENT. Approx. 200 sq. ft each. Access to reception area, conf. room/library, kitchen, etc. Other amenities including ample parking. 408 N. Church St. Call 242-3271.

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Price

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